

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations that are dedicated to improving quality of life in this state by ensuring that people with handicaps lead full and productive lives; and

**Whereas**, Sheltered Industries of the Meramec Valley was established on September 26, 1988, by the Franklin County Board for the Handicapped with Robert Hamlin, Sr., serving as Manager, Patricia Hoehne and Sandy McNiff serving as staff, and a Board of Directors composed of President Randy Bailey, Vice President Robert Dieckhaus, Secretary Don Killian, Treasurer Karen Bazdresch, and members Alvin Siwak, Ted Newton, Edward Link, Jr., Patrick Donnelly, Carolyn Douglas, Gerald Douglas, Louella Emory, and Gordon Baxter; and

**Whereas**, SIMV has enjoyed steady growth in both its workforce and in the type of work performed, which includes packaging, maintenance and groundskeeping, and production services for a diverse number of businesses; and

**Whereas**, in addition to providing employment opportunities to those with disabilities that might not otherwise be employed, SIMV provides its workers with transportation, housing assistance, medical and dental assistance, life skills training, referral services to outside organizations, and personal needs counseling; and

**Whereas**, on the eve of the Twentieth Anniversary of its establishment, SIMV is guided by General Manager Eric Giebler, Employee Services Director Gina Adams, Human Resource Director/Project Manager Diana Halmick, Inside Operations Manager Dennis Hulsey, and nineteen other supervisors, inspectors, facilitators, and managers and a Board of Directors composed of Jack Blanton, Milt Branum, Dana Campbell, Robert Davis, Louella Emery, Candy Kitchen, Dr. Robert Rhoads, Gerald Sill, Steve Watson, and Laury West; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such outstanding Missouri organizations as SIMV, which successfully strives to be self-sustaining, efficient, productive, and competitive in all of its endeavors:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with SIMV and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary of the founding of their organization; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Sheltered Industries of the Meramec Valley.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Charles Schlottach  
District No. 111

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. , adopted , 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker